

## PODAR INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, NASHIK (ICSE)

## **Minutes of Meeting**

Meeting Purpose:	EPTA Meeting
Meeting Date:	3.04.2025
Meeting Time:	10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Meeting Location & Mode:	Jumbo Hall
Meeting Facilitator:	Principal – Dr. Manohar Mahajan
Attendees:	EPTA Parent Members, Academic coordinators, Event
	Coordinators.
Minutes Submitted By:	Ms. Meeta Dogra

### **Agenda Points:**

- Discussion on revised school time for summers- 202-26 due to heat waves.
- Reference: Govt. of Maharashtra circular dated 28.03.2025 regarding starting of primary and secondary sections at 7:00 a.m.

#### **Points Discussed:**

- The meeting commenced with the EPTA Chairperson, Dr. Manohar Mahajan, welcoming all the members and opening the floor for discussion on the proposed change in school timings for the Primary and Secondary classes to 7:00a.m. due to heat waves for the summer months.
- After a detailed exchange of views and considerations the EPTA members expressed their collective decision to continue with the existing school time for all the classes for April/June 2025.
- Several reasons and challenges were cited by the parents for this decision, including
  - a) Establishing routine Members noted that the current school timing has been in place for a significant period, allowing students to establish and maintain consistent daily routines. Disrupting this routine could have adverse effects on students' ability to manage their time effectively, impacting their academic performance and overall wellbeing.



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#### **Points Discussed:**

- b) Family Convenience Members highlighted that the existing school timings accommodate the needs of families with children enrolled in different grade levels within the same school. Maintaining consistency in the schedule allows parents to coordinate drop and pick up times more efficiently, minimizing disruptions to daily routines and responsibilities.
- c) After School Programs Concerns were raised about the impact of time change on after school activities. Many students are engaged in extracurricular activities scheduled based on current timings. Altering the school schedule could lead to logistical changes for both parents and students, potentially hindering participation by the students in these programs.
- Following the discussion, it was resolved that the EPTA would not support the proposed change in school time for the summer months and strongly advocate for the retention of current school time for all classes for the academic year 2025-26
- The EPTA will encourage the school and their wads to follow other guidelines as mentioned in the circular so that the students are not adversely affected by the heat waves.
- The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to all the members for their active participation and contributions to the discussion.